

an inefficient use of government dollars." The National Taxpayer Advocate Service has testified that IRS employees bring in \$20 for every dollar IRS spends, whereas private debt collectors bring in only 4.

This bill will reverse these inefficiencies and abuses on the American taxpayer.

I have also heard from other Vermont organizations, including many Builders Associations and other federal, state, and local government contractors, voicing strong support for the delay in implementation of certain tax withholding provisions provided in this bill. H.R. 3056 postpones for one year, until December 31, 2011, the application of a three-percent withholding requirement on the payments of goods and services made by the U.S. Government, States, and local governments. This delay allows the Treasury Secretary the time to study issues associated with the three-percent withholding, including the burdens to small businesses as well as the application of the tax to small expenditures for goods and services by governments.

I strongly urge my colleagues to support passage of this rule and the underlying bill.

HONORING KRIV-TV'S GREGG GROOGAN, MARK MULLER AND APRILLE MEEK FOR WINNING THE CASEY MEDAL FOR MERITORIOUS JOURNALISM

HON. AL GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 17, 2007

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, it is my pleasure to honor three remarkable journalists at Houston's own KRIV-TV for winning the prestigious Casey Medal for Meritorious Journalism.

Greg Groogan, Mark Muller and Aprille Meek last week received the 2007 Casey Medal for Meritorious Journalism for short form television for their insightful story on the difficulties faced by Texas's parents of children using special education, "Special Ed-Broken Promise?" This story, the opening of a several-month series on special education in Texas, provided an eye-opening look at the hurdles that special education parents face in providing the "free appropriate public education" to which they are entitled per the Individual with Disabilities Education Act.

For Mr. Groogan, Mr. Muller and Ms. Meek, this impressive award represents the culmination of the excellent work that they have done over the years for KRIV-TV. Mr. Groogan alone has won over sixty journalism awards, including five Lone Star Emmys, 15 Associated Press Awards, and honors from the Houston Press Club, the Texas Cancer Society and the Texas State Teachers Association. Over 700 journalists entered the contest for the 2007 Casey Medals, demonstrating that these journalists truly went above and beyond the call of duty with the excellent work for which they received the Casey Medal.

In awarding these three deserving individuals with the Casey Medal, the Casey Journalism Center on Children and Families described "Special Ed-Broken Promise?" as a "masterful job," and indeed it was. It is fitting that this award would go to individuals who have shown incredible courage, tenacity and

wisdom in their reporting. I congratulate Mr. Groogan, Mr. Muller and Ms. Meek for this well-deserved award and I hope that their work serves as an inspiration to others across the nation.

VISION CARE FOR KIDS ACT OF 2007

SPEECH OF

HON. DAVID LOESACK

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 15, 2007

Mr. LOESACK. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 507, the Vision Care for Kids Act of 2007. I applaud Congressman GREEN for introducing this important legislation and for recognizing the importance of vision screening for our children.

It is estimated that one in four children in school and one in twenty children in preschool develop eye disorders. Screening for vision problems in children is extremely important as it can be difficult to recognize these types of problems in children, and children are often not capable of expressing they are experiencing vision issues.

Amblyopia is cited as the most common vision problem in children. This affects one or both eyes and can lead to permanent vision loss and long term problems. As many as 9,000 children in Iowa under the age of 4 suffer from this problem. Thankfully for children in Iowa, the University of Iowa Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences and the Lions Club of Iowa teamed up in 2000 to create a program called Iowa KidSight. Iowa KidSight provides free vision screening for infants and young children throughout every county in Iowa and also serves to educate parents and the public on the benefits of vision screening.

Since 2000, Iowa KidSight has screened over 90,300 children from the ages of 6 years to 48 months. Unfortunately not every child who is referred to see a specialist is able to do so for a variety of reasons, which is why the Vision Care for Kids Act is so important. This legislation will help supplement the program in my state and others by awarding grants to help ensure these children are able to see a licensed optometrist or ophthalmologist, receive the treatment they need, and also inform and educate parents, teachers, and others who work with children on recognizing early signs of vision problems.

Detecting early signs of vision problems in children and getting them the medical attention they need can be crucial for development and well-being for the rest of their lives. The Vision Care for Kids Act recognizes this fact and will make significant improvements in the amount of children who are able to receive the care they need to learn and grow. I strongly support H.R. 507, the Vision Care for Kids Act and urge its passage.

HONORING DR. MOHANA ARLA

HON. RON LEWIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 17, 2007

Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Mohana Arla, an

outstanding man with a great record of community service. Dr. Arla, a resident of Bullitt County, has been named Distinguished Citizen of the Year by the Bullitt County Education Association.

Dr. Arla has provided medical care for the citizens of Bullitt County for many years. He is an internal medicine physician with Bullitt County Family Practitioners in Hillview, Kentucky and has his own practice in Lebanon Junction, Kentucky. Dr. Arla has been a strong advocate of bringing additional medical practitioners to the Bullitt County area.

In July of 2007 Dr. Arla partnered with Jewish Hospital Medical Center South to conduct a free weight-loss program for the residents of Bullitt County. The program, titled "Lose a Pound, Gain a Dollar," gave residents the opportunity to lose weight while offering them a monetary reward for their hard work. This program is a great example of his commitment to improving the lives of Bullitt County's residents.

Dr. Arla has also demonstrated a strong commitment to local education. He has been very involved in efforts to bring a community college to Bullitt County. Dr. Arla is a member of the County Board leading the effort and has made a substantial donation to this cause.

It is my privilege to recognize Dr. Mohana Arla today, before the entire United States House of Representatives, for his hard work and service to his community.

HONORING RETIRED DALLAS
POLICE OFFICER REX POST

HON. JEB HENSARLING

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 17, 2007

Mr. HENSARLING. Madam Speaker, today I, along with Representative RALPH HALL, would like to honor retired Dallas Police Officer, Corporal Rex Post. Corporal Post has been a fixture in the Dallas Police Department for over 24 years. Along with his normal duties as a patrol officer, Corporal Post was also a class advisor at the police academy and, when he was off duty, he was neighborhood crime watch patrol officer in the Lakewood neighborhood of Dallas.

Corporal Post's outstanding character can best be seen in his interactions with his community. Last year a senior citizen in Corporal Post's neighborhood was robbed of her money by a stranger who had come to her door. Corporal Post not only made sure the neighborhood was safe, but he and his family also brought her gifts to lift her spirits.

Recently, Corporal Post was diagnosed with stage-four colon cancer, which is a life-threatening cancer. In a show of support, his family, friends, and community have rallied around him as he battles the cancer. He says it is faith and the love of his wife Janet and sons Rex III, Austin, and Jonathan that keep him strong.

Madam Speaker, as Representatives of the city of Dallas, Texas and Paris, Texas, it is our distinct honor to commend retired Dallas Police Officer, Corporal Rex Post, for his outstanding service to his community and his courageous attitude and faith.